

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. Claims 19-25 have been withdrawn. Applicant reserves the right to file continuing applications directed to the subject matter of the withdrawn claims. As no new matter has been added by the amendments herein, Applicant respectfully requests entry of these amendments at this time.

THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

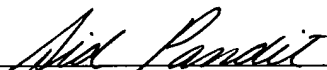
The Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement on the claims originally filed with this application. In response, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I (claims 1-18) for prosecution in this application. In light of the withdrawal of claims 19-25, Applicant respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement is moot.

CONCLUSION

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that the present remarks still do not resolve all of the issues regarding patentability of the pending claims, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned agent to discuss any remaining issues. No fees are believed to be due at this time. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fees to Bingham McCutchen LLP Deposit Account No. 195127, Order No. 25170.0002.

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